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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA

SECRETARY'S PARTY FOR HARTMAN; EMBASSY VIENNA FOR LEDSKY

1. LEDSKY CALLED FROM VIENNA APRIL 1 IMMEDIATELY AFTER A
MEETING WITH SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM WHICH THE SECRETARY
GENERAL HAD REQUESTED. WALDHEIM TOLD LEDSKY THAT WHILE THE
CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WERE GOING MORE OR LESS AS
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EXPECTED, THE TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVE ONAN HAD
STATED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE INSTRUCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO
THE GREEK TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL WHICH WAS SUBMITTED YESTER-
DAY. FOR THIS REASON, ONAN COULD ONLY COMMENT IN THE MOST
GENERAL WAY ABOUT THE PROPOSAL. WALDHEIM WAS QUITE
DISTURBED ABOUT THIS BECAUSE HE BELIEVED THE TURKISH
CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR HAD AN OBLIGATION TO DISCUSS IN SUB-

STANCE AND WITH SPECIFICITY THE GREEK TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL. WALDHEIM ASKED LEDSKY WHETHER THE USG COULD USE ITS INFLUENCE TO ENSURE THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS COMMENT MORE FULLY ON THE GREEK CYPRIOT PROPOSAL. WALDHEIM WAS WILLING TO EXTEND HIS STAY IN VIENNA UNTIL 11:00 A.M. APRIL 4 TO HAVE A MEETING MONDAY MORNING AT 9:00 A.M. IF THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD BE READY WITH A PRESENTATION WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A DETAILED DISCUSSION ABOUT THE AREAS WHICH THE GREEKS DID NOT INCLUDE IN THE TURKISH ZONE.

2. I RELAYED THE SUBSTANCE OF MY DISCUSSION WITH LEDSKY TO TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL BY TELEPHONE APRIL 1, AND ESENBEL SAID HE WOULD TELEPHONE ANKARA IMMEDIATELY. HOWEVER, ANYTHING YOU CAN DO ON SATURDAY, APRIL 2, TO FOLLOW UP ON MY APPROACH TO ESENBEL AND TO URGE THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO HAVE COMMENTS PREPARED FOR A MONDAY MEETING WOULD BE HELPFUL.

3. LEDSKY AND I ARE NOT AT ALL SURPRISED THAT THE TURKISH NEGOTIATOR NEEDED MORE TIME TO OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS. WE COULD NOT HAVE EXPECTED AN IMMEDIATE SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE. WE ARE INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING WALDHEIM'S PRESENCE AT THE TALKS AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THEM, AND OF COURSE IN SUSTAINING THE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. EXCEPT FOR THIS MATTER, LEDSKY INDICATED THAT HE THOUGHT THE TALKS WERE PROCEEDING IN A REASONABLE MANNER, THOUGH OF COURSE, NEITHER OPENING PROPOSAL WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHER SIDE.

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5. WE ARE BEGINNING TO CONSIDER IDEAS FOR US INVOLVEMENT, IF ANY, IN THE POST-VIENNA PERIOD AND WE WELCOME YOUR IDEAS AND THOSE OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. THE COMMENTS OF OTHER ADDRESSEES WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.
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